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December 28th, 2025 | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the most overlooked means of evangelization is Christian family life. You would be hard-pressed to find a more compelling everyday witness to the love of Christ or the goodness of God than by being immersed in Christian family life. Marriage and family life are a place of belonging so profound that they are said to reflect the communion of persons within the life of the Trinity. If it is true that God has called us into relationship with Himself, then we must have some sort of earthly reference point for what that means and what it could look like in our lives; Christian homes are meant to show this.

Jesus began His saving mission by being born into a human family. Thus, the God of the universe shows us that the family is not only something He created in the beginning to show His love for us, but also something He uses to redeem us from the isolation and separation that sin and death have wrought. The family is part of God's saving plan, to bring us back into communion with Himself and with one another. There are many people who have never experienced the joy, love, and security of Christian family life; it could be that the witness of your family will be what God uses for them to see the profound communion and unconditional belonging for which they were made.

On this feast of the Holy Family, I want to invite those of you who are married to consider how your family life could be a blessing to your friends or neighbors who may not yet know how God's love for them can transform their ability to love one another. Do not be afraid to invite others into your life in some way so that they can simply be immersed in the life of your family, even if only for the evening at dinner time, and then see what fruit God brings out of that.

God Bless You,

Fr. Dan

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH - JANUARY 2ND. THE ADJUSTED MASS AND ADORATION SCHEDULE IS LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE AND WEBSITE.

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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Merry Christmas!

As we celebrate the joyful season of Christmas, we give thanks for the gift of Emmanuel, God with us. In the humility of the manger, the Lord enters our world to bring light into darkness, hope into uncertainty, and peace into every heart open to receive Him.

We are grateful for each of you who make up the St. John the Baptist Parish community. Your faith, generosity, and prayerful support are a blessing to our parish. May this holy season renew your trust in the Lord's promises and fill your home with joy, peace, and the love of Christ.

Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas and a New Year filled with God's grace.

In Christ,
The St. John the Baptist Parish Staff

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

DECEMBER 31ST
5 PM

JANUARY 1ST
9 AM
11 AM

**The Parish Office will be closed through January 2nd.*
***No Adoration December 31st & January 1st.*

SJ Beat

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

STARTING JANUARY 5TH

EXODUS
•NINETY DAYS•

EXODUS 90

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH
after the 8am Mass,
downstairs in the PLC.

Men of our parish are invited to join Fr. Dan for Exodus 90—a 90-day journey of fraternity, prayer, and ascetical discipline. Together, we will walk through the Book of Exodus with guidance from Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, and Jamie Baxter.

This is an opportunity to break free from the habits, distractions, and sins that keep us from living as the men God created us to be. As Christ showed us on the Cross, true freedom is found when we take responsibility for our lives and offer them generously for others. What God gives in return is deeper integrity, purpose, and lasting joy.

Please note: Exodus 90 will take the place of the Men's Breakfast until Easter.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP FOR EXODUS 90

CANCELED- JANUARY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 7:45AM

Thank you to all who signed up for the January All-Night Adoration. Unfortunately, we were unable fill the overnight hours and will need to cancel this month's adoration.

February All-Night Adoration will take place February 6th - 7th. Have a blessed New Year!

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH
7pm
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
Ypsilanti, MI

WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH
6:30 - 7:30pm
in the sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

CAMPUS MINISTRY

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTRY STAFF!

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, our hearts are filled with gratitude for each of you! Our students, missionaries, alumni, and friends. Christmas reminds us that God chose to come close to us, to enter our world humbly as a child, bringing light into the darkness and hope into every heart.

This year, we have witnessed Christ at work on our campus in powerful ways: students growing in prayer, friendships rooted in faith, courageous "yeses" to leadership and mission, and hearts opening more fully to the Lord. We are deeply thankful for the ways you have allowed God to move through you and among you. As you enter this Christmas season, we pray that you may encounter Jesus. May the peace of Christ dwell richly in your hearts, and may His love renew your strength for the year ahead. Know that you are remembered in our prayers at the manger and throughout the Christmas season.

From all of us on the Campus Ministry staff, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

"This Christmas, let us focus our attention on Christ so that we may follow him more faithfully. Let us open our hearts to Christ and listen to his direction as we embark on this new year. Just as the Prophet Isaiah says to God's people, "Togehter they sing for joy" and "break forth together into singing" (Isaiah 52:8-9), so should we proclaim the goodness of the Lord.
– Waiting Well, Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz

CHRISTMASTIDE Begin

WORDS OF WISDOM

"I cannot fear a God who made himself so small for me. ... I love him! ... Because he is only love and mercy!"
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Letter 266

SONGS OF THE WEEK

Angels We Have Heard on High / ***Of the Father's Love Begotten*** / ***O Magnum Mysterium*** **-** Morten Lauridsen

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FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

CHRIST THE KING WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women of St. John the Baptist, you are warmly invited to join the women of Christ the King for this year's women's retreat featuring keynote speaker Dr. Mary Healy. Step away from the busyness of daily life and be renewed as we rediscover the beauty, dignity, and vocation of womanhood rooted in God's design. Through inspiring talks, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and meaningful fellowship, come be encouraged in who you are and empowered to live your God-given purpose—for such a time as this.

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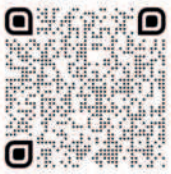

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SNOW REMOVAL

If you or your teen would be open to coming to the church after a snowfall we would really appreciate your help! No commitment required - we will contact you when we need help and be very happy when you can make it. There are a lot of entrances to the church and we want to keep everyone safe.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT SR. MARY: SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG

WAITING FOR JESUS

Advent is a time when we reflect on waiting for Jesus. However, have you ever thought about those who might be waiting for YOU to bring Him to them?

Isolated members of our Catholic community in care and correctional facilities need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to visit and share Christ's presence.

No experience is needed—training is provided, with flexible times and locations. Contact Michelle Kazanjian at 734.971.9781 x338 or mkazanjian@ccwcwashtenaw.org.

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"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

December 29th.....Holiday Time Off

January 5th.....Catholic Moral Teaching (Forming conscience, natural law, commandments 1-3)

January 12th.....Catholic Moral Teaching (commandments 4-10)

January 19th.....Catholic Social Teaching

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
David Sell
Margaret Trapp
Rebecca McKenzie

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
12:15 PM: Intetions of Tom Bielski & Family
Requested by Bob Nowlan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
6:00 PM: †Isabella Rous
Requested by Bernadette Rous

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
5:00 PM: Solemnity Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1
9:00 AM: Solemenity Mass
11:00 PM: Solemnity Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD
8:00 AM: Intentions of the Firn Godchildren
Requested by Joe and Mary Firn

5 PM:† Shirley McCully
Requested by Leanna McCully

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH
9:00 AM: Intentions of Jose Antonio Berrios
Requested by Alicia Pear

11 AM: People of the Parish

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Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

HOMILY OF JOHN PAUL II

Tuesday, 1 January 2002

EXCERPTS

"Hail, holy Mother! The Child to whom you gave birth is the King of heaven and earth for ever" (cf. Entrance Antiphon).

With this ancient greeting, today, the eighth day of the Octave of Christmas and the first of the year 2002, the Church greets the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoking her as Mother of God.

In her the eternal Son of the Father took our very flesh and through Her became "son of David and son of Abraham" (Mt 1,1). Thus Mary is his true Mother: the Theotokos, Mother of God!

If Jesus is Life, Mary is the Mother of Life.
If Jesus is Hope, Mary is the Mother of Hope.
If Jesus is Peace, Mary is the Mother of Peace, Mother of the Prince of Peace.

Entering the new year, let us ask this holy Mother to bless us. Let us ask Her to give us Jesus, our full Blessing, in whom the Father blessed all history once and for all, making it become the history of salvation.

Hail, holy Mother! I have placed The World Day of Peace under Mary's motherly gaze. Let us reflect on peace in this climate of widespread anxiety on account of the recent tragic events that have shaken the world. But although it may seem humanly difficult to look to the future with optimism, we must not give in to the temptation to despair. On the contrary, we must work for peace courageously, certain that evil will not prevail.

The light and hope for this commitment come to us from Christ. The Child born in Bethlehem is the eternal Word of the Father who became flesh for our salvation, he is "God-with-us", who brings with him the secret of true peace. He is the Prince of Peace.

An agonizing cry for peace is being raised from various parts of the world; it is rising particularly from the Land which God blessed with his Covenant and his Incarnation and for this reason is called "Holy". "The voice of your brother's blood" cries out to God from that land (cf. Gn 4,10); the blood of brothers poured out by brothers who hark back to the same Patriarch Abraham; sons, like every human being, of the same heavenly Father.

"Salve, Madre santa"! Virgin Daughter of Zion, how deeply must your Mother's heart suffer for this bloodshed!

The Child you embrace has a name that is dear to the peoples of biblical religion: "Jesus", which means "God saves". So the Archangel named him before he was conceived in your womb (cf. Lk 2,21). In the face of the newborn Messiah, we recognize the face of all your children, who suffer from being despised and exploited. We recognize especially the faces of your children, to whatever race, nation or culture they may belong.

For them, O Mary, for their future, we ask you to move hearts hardened by hatred so that they may open to love and so that revenge may finally give way to forgiveness.

Obtain for us, O Mother, that the truth of this affirmation - No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness - be engraved on every heart. Thus the human family will be able to find the true peace, that flows from the union of justice and mercy.

Holy Mother, Mother of the Prince of Peace, help us!
Mother of Humanity and Queen of Peace, pray for us!

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
JANUARY 3RD & JANUARY 4TH

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Fred Burdick	Carolyn Bradley	Fred Hall
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Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Vince Zahm
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Need Volunteer	Marie Lenhardt	Wendy Winnie
LECTORS		
Ellen Gibson	Jessica Jenkins	Larry Donatelli
Maggie Sell	Van Vandagriff	David Stolarski
SACRISTAN		
ADULT:	ADULT:	ADULT:
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Judy Ramirez
JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
ALTAR SERVERS		
Damien Dahl	Adrian Anderson	Hank Kangas
Liam Netsch	Roger Meyer	Tom Kangas
Lawrence Okpala	Scott Wells	Need Volunteer

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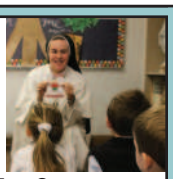
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